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Re Conditions around DeRussey's
Lane on night of murder.

I interviewed Robert Adrian at his home on Hamilton Street. He informed me that on the night of the murder he was driving a green Packard car. About 8 P.M. he called at the home of Miss Alice (usually called Lillie) Murphy, at the corner of Hamilton Street and Easton Avenue. From there, accompanied by Miss Murphy, he drove to South River and arrived back at Miss Murphy's home at 9 P.M., where he remained until 11:30 P.M. After leaving there he called at a saloon, had a drink, and drove on home.

He claims that on the night in question he was nowhere near Buccleuch Park or DeRussey's Lane.

He informed me that both he and Miss Murphy has been down to Somerville. That in answer to the questions asked by Simpson's men, he told them the same as I have set forth above. They did not seem to be satisfied with his story, although from their questions he was unable to get a line on exactly what point they hoped to establish by him. They dwelt upon the fact that it was claimed that a green car had been around on the night of the murder and asked him among other things if he knew what perjury was. He said he could not figure out where he was guilty of perjury, except that he told them that he was driving his Packard car that night. As a matter of fact, the car did not actually belong to him but was owned by his mother.

Both he and Miss Murphy have been subpoenaed to appear as witnesses at Somerville on November 3d, 1926.

Respectfully yours,

David Thompson